Environmental Protection Agency

§ 60.398 Innovative technology waivers.

(a) General Motors Corporation, Wentzville, Missouri, automobile assembly plant. (1) Pursuant to section 111(j) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7411(j), each topcoat operation at General Motors Corporation automobile assembly plant located in Wentzville, Missouri, shall comply with the following conditions:

(i) The General Motors Corporation shall obtain the necessary permits as required by section 173 of the Clean Air Act, as amended August 1977, to operate the Wentzville assembly plant.

(ii) Commencing on February 4, 1983, and continuing to December 31, 1986, or until the base coat/clear coat topcoat system that can achieve the standard specified in 40 CFR 60.392(c) (Dec. 24, 1980) is demonstrated to the Administrator’s satisfaction the General Motors Corporation shall limit the discharge of VOC emissions to the atmosphere from each topcoat operation at the Wentzville, Missouri, assembly plant, to either:

(A) 1.9 kilograms of VOC per liter of applied coating solids from base coat/clear coat topcoats, and

(B) 1.47 kilograms of VOC per liter of applied coating solids from all other topcoat coatings; or

most recent control device performance test at which destruction efficiency was determined as specified under §60.393.

(3) For thermal and catalytic incinerators, if no such periods occur, the owner or operator shall submit a negative report.

(d) The owner or operator shall notify the Administrator 30 days in advance of any test by Method 25.


§ 60.396 Reference methods and procedures.

(a) The reference methods in appendix A to this part, except as provided in §60.8 shall be used to conduct performance tests.

(1) Method 24 or an equivalent or alternative method approved by the Administrator shall be used for the determination of the data used in the calculation of the VOC content of the coatings used for each affected facility. Manufacturers’ formulation data is approved by the Administrator as an alternative method to Method 24. In the event of dispute, Method 24 shall be the referee method.

(2) Method 25 or an equivalent or alternative method approved by the Administrator shall be used for the determination of the VOC concentration in the effluent gas entering and leaving the emission control device for each stack equipped with an emission control device and in the effluent gas leaving each stack not equipped with a control device.

(3) The following methods shall be used to determine the volumetric flow rate in the effluent gas in a stack:

(i) Method 1 for sample and velocity traverses,

(ii) Method 2 for velocity and volumetric flow rate,

(iii) Method 3 for gas analysis, and

(iv) Method 4 for stack gas moisture.

(b) For Method 24, the coating sample must be a 1-liter sample taken in a 1-liter container.

(c) For Method 25, the sampling time for each of three runs must be at least one hour. The minimum sample volume must be 0.003 dscm except that shorter sampling times or smaller volumes, when necessitated by process variables or other factors, may be approved by the Administrator. The Administrator will approve the sampling of representative stacks on a case-by-case basis if the owner or operator can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Administrator that the testing of representative stacks would yield results comparable to those that would be obtained by testing all stacks.


§ 60.397 Modifications.

The following physical or operational changes are not, by themselves, considered modifications of existing facilities:

(a) Changes as a result of model year changeovers or switches to larger cars.

(b) Changes in the application of the coatings to increase coating film thickness.

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